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1. The unloading of jet aircraft was observed at the BELHITSA railroad station near BRYANSK (34°22'E/53°14'N) for four weeks in the Fall of 1948. The aircraft were packed in olive-colored wooden boxes, about 33x15x10 feet. At the railroad station the boxes were pulled by tractors to the loading ramp, loaded on truck trailers, and hauled in the direction of the field. Each box contained an aircraft fuselage and the pertaining wings.
2. Description of aircraft (see Annex, Nos 1 through 3):
  - a. The fuselage was noticeably high, had a round aperture of about 16-inch diameter at the nose, and a relatively flat cockpit (about 10 inches high and about 3 feet long).
  - b. The wings with rounded wing tips were loaded on the trailer beside the fuselage. Other characteristics were not observed.
  - c. The plane was painted blue-gray, the surface being very clean and smooth. It had no markings.
3. Jet aircraft have been observed at the field and in the air since the Spring of 1949. The planes circled the field at altitude of from 650 to 1,000 feet. It was observed that the planes had a retractable landing gear and nose wheel.
4. The planes observed flying (see Annex, Nos. 4 through 7) were definitely the same as those unloaded in the Fall of 1948. These aircraft had the following prominent features:
  - a. Three thin tubes, 24 to 28 inches long, projecting beyond the nose, two drop-shaped bodies under the rounded-off wing tips.
  - b. The landing gear retracted sideways into the wings.

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- c. Some aircraft, being otherwise of the same design as those mentioned above, had a triple rudder assembly, the two outer rudders being somewhat smaller than the middle one.
- d. Not all planes had the drop-shaped body under the wings.
5. The speed of the planes seemed to be scarcely higher than that of the Me-109. Their radii of turn were rather large. It was not observed that the flight qualities of the aircraft with single rudder assembly differed from those planes with triple rudder assembly.

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- a. Report again confirms that jet fighters packed in boxes arrived near BRYANSK. From the items 1 through 3 of Annex and particularly from the listed reference reports it is concluded that the observed aircraft have a turbine under the fuselage. This assumption is supported by both the positive statement contained in a previous report\* that half of the under side of the fuselage was black with soot and the rather clear description in another report. \*\*
- b. It cannot be determined whether the aircraft observed were a Yak or MIG type of the 1947 model. According to previous reports, they were of different types. Although a landing gear retracting sidewise into the wings has so far only been reported of the Yak type stationed in TBILISI\*\*\*, this constructional device is considered to be also probable with the MIG types stationed in KUIBYSHEV. The triple rudder assembly mentioned for the first time in this report is considered possible. The two outer rudders may be end-plates mounted for a better directional stability of the proportionately short fuselage.
- c. This is also the first information on bodies protruding under the wing tips. These bodies are believed to be wing tip tanks, since take-off units or bombs cannot be assumed to be suspended from wing tips.

Further information is required to clarify this observation.

1 Annex: Jet Aircraft Unloaded near BRYANSK

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